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BE A *SMART* TRAVELER

- Carry personal identification and any special medical information with you at all times
- Store essential medication in original containers
- Do not leave your wallet or purse unattended
- Leave your itinerary at home with a point of contact, and advise of any changes to your itinerary during your trip
- Carry international traveler's checks and always exchange currency at reputable exchanges (it is illegal to do otherwise in some countries)
- Drive carefully (you may want to apply for an international driver's license if you plan to travel extensively by car)

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- **Observe local laws and customs -**

  For example:

  - **In Turkey, Taiwan and Spain, individuals are prohibited from making derogatory comments about the government or its leaders**

  - **In other countries, it is unlawful to use insulting language or abusive gestures toward another person while driving**

  - **Remember that you are representing the United States - Avoid political discussions, and remember that you may encounter anti-American sentiments**

  - **Be patient, rather than critical, of local customs**

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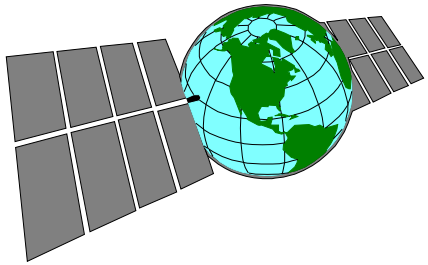
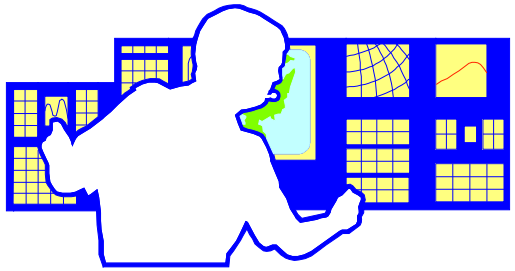
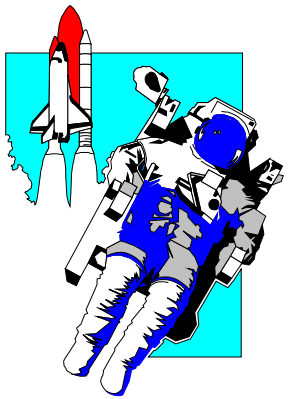


FACT:

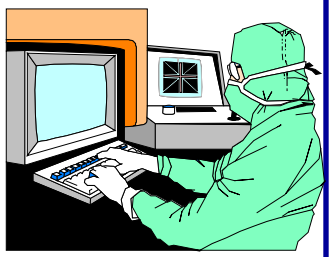
- **U.S. TECHNOLOGY is targeted by foreign nations**



- **It is less expensive to steal technology than it is to develop new technology**



- **This technology threat pertains to classified, sensitive protected, company proprietary, and other unclassified protected information**



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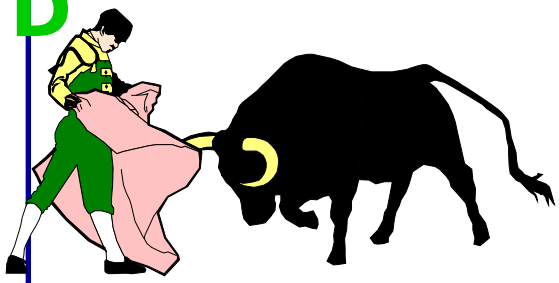
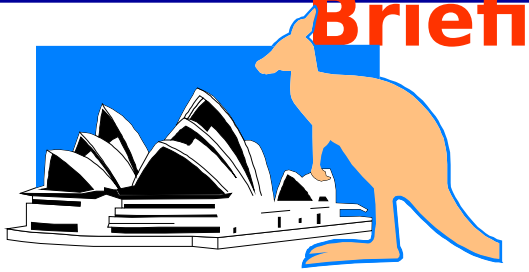
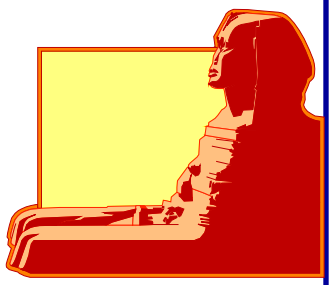




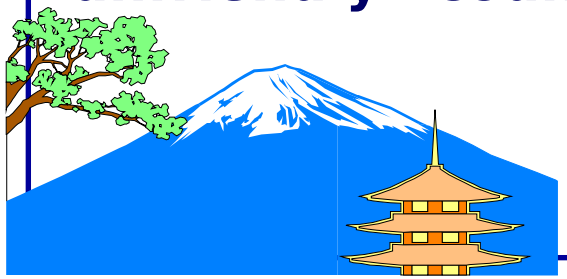


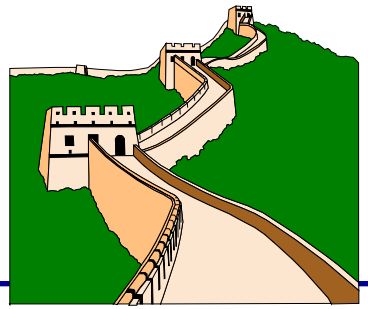
FACT:

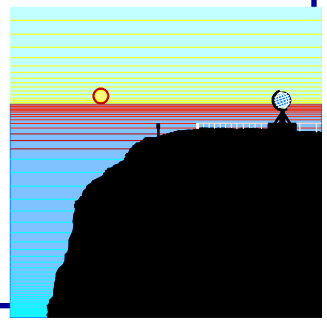
- As a traveler, your are vulnerable because you may be unfamiliar with the customs, people, language, topography, laws and judicial system of that country.

- You become more dependent on strangers. This is an attractive situation for foreign agents.

- The same opportunities exist in both “friendly” and “unfriendly” countries.







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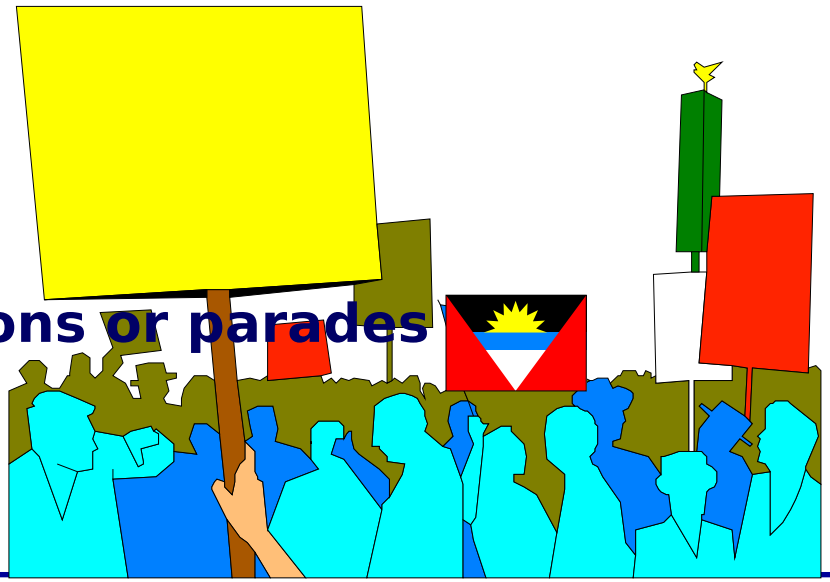
Do not fall into a compromising situation where outside help may be needed or threat of blackmail could surface.

EXAMPLES:

- **Involvement in illicit currency trade**
- **Poor judgment in alcohol consumption**
- **Minor traffic violations**
- **Gambling**
- **Any immoral conduct**
- **Viewing political demonstrations or parades**



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FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SCRUTINY OF YOU IN ANOTHER COUNTRY MAY ALSO OCCUR DUE TO:

- Your fitting the profile of a terrorist, narcotics-trafficker, or criminal
- Involvement in black-market activity
- Discovery by the host government of material on your person or in your luggage that is banned or strictly controlled
- Associating with individuals the government labels as dissidents
- Having language fluency, declared relatives, or organizational affiliations in the country you are visiting

A COLLECTION METHOD

ELICITATION - A ploy whereby seemingly normal conversation is contrived to extract information about individuals, their work and their colleagues.

- **Puts someone at ease to share information**
- **Is difficult to recognize as an intelligence technique**
- **Is easily deniable**

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- Usually, any intelligence activities directed against you will be conducted in an unobtrusive and non-threatening fashion.

- In some cases a foreign intelligence service may employ more aggressive provocation tactics. The methods used could be both indirect and direct.

- While most harassment incidents are intentionally obvious-meant to intimidate or "test" a traveler's reactions-many intelligence activities are conducted without the target's awareness.

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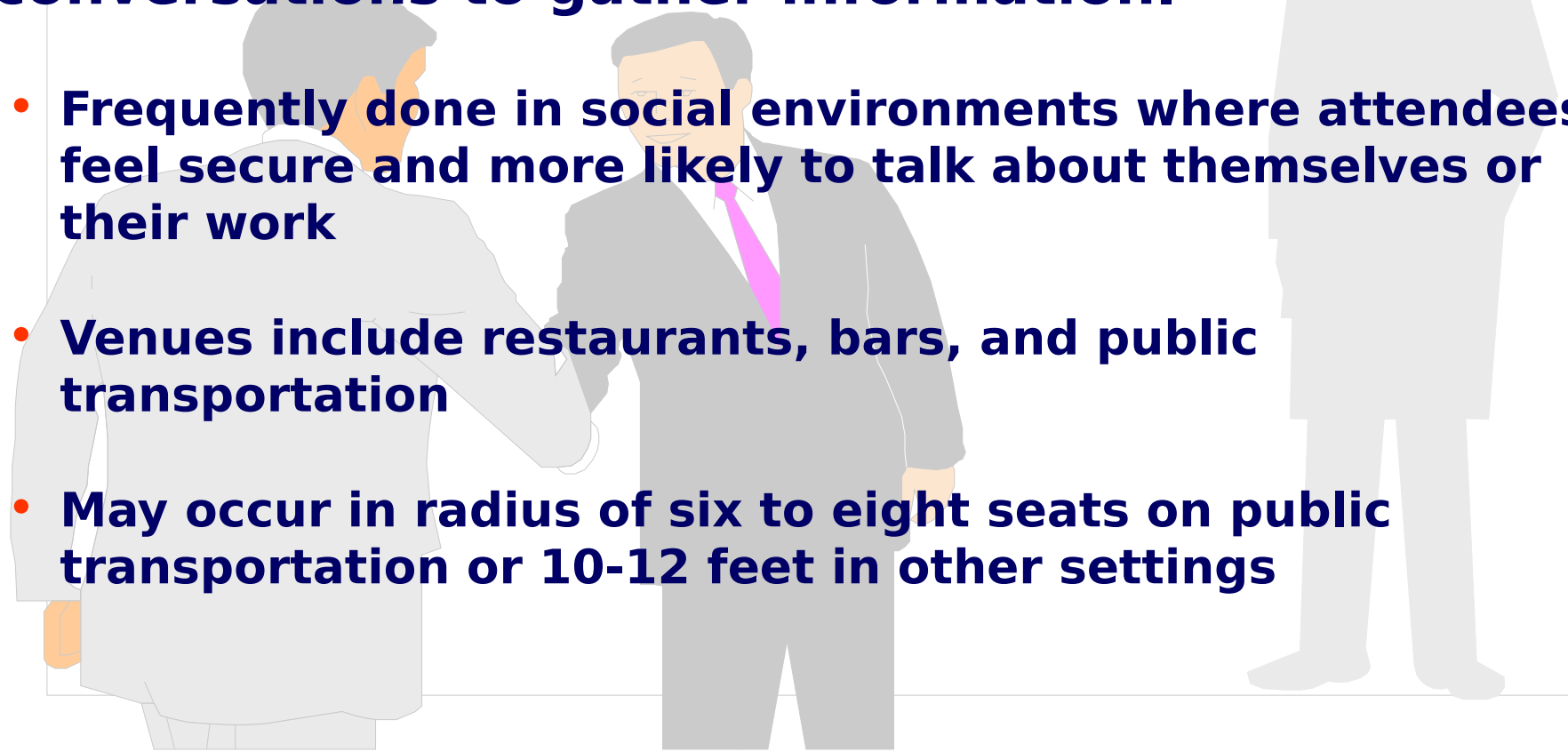
A COLLECTION METHOD

EAVESDROPPING – Listening to other people's conversations to gather information.



- **Frequently done in social environments where attendees feel secure and more likely to talk about themselves or their work**
- **Venues include restaurants, bars, and public transportation**
- **May occur in radius of six to eight seats on public transportation or 10-12 feet in other settings**

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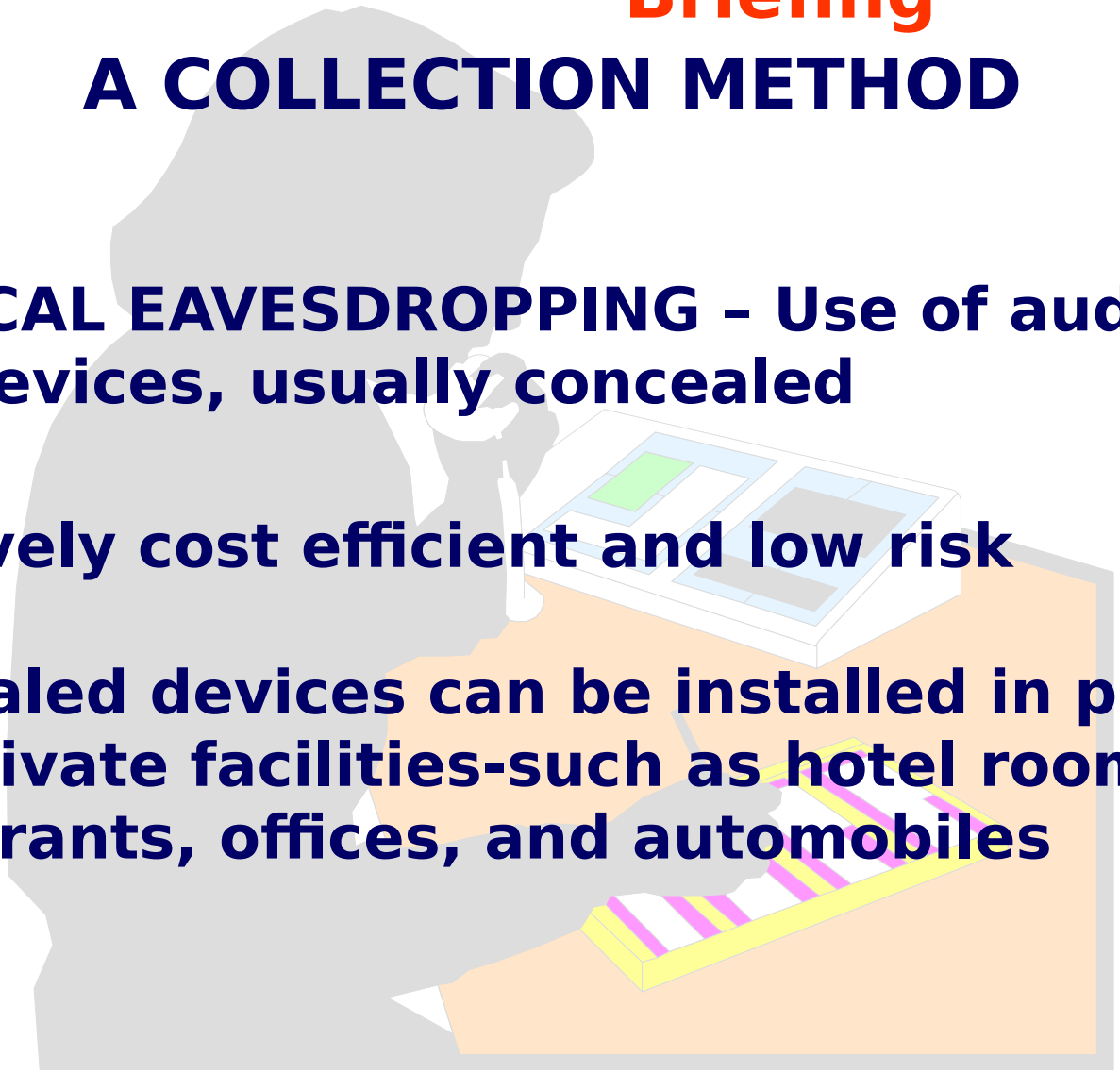
TECHNICAL EAVESDROPPING – Use of audio and visual devices, usually concealed



- **Relatively cost efficient and low risk**
- **Concealed devices can be installed in public and private facilities-such as hotel rooms, restaurants, offices, and automobiles**

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A COLLECTION METHOD

“BAG OPERATIONS” – Surreptitious entry into someone’s hotel room to steal, photograph, or photocopy documents

- **Many times conducted by host government services**
- **Third-country services also active**
- **Frequently done with cooperation of hotel staff**

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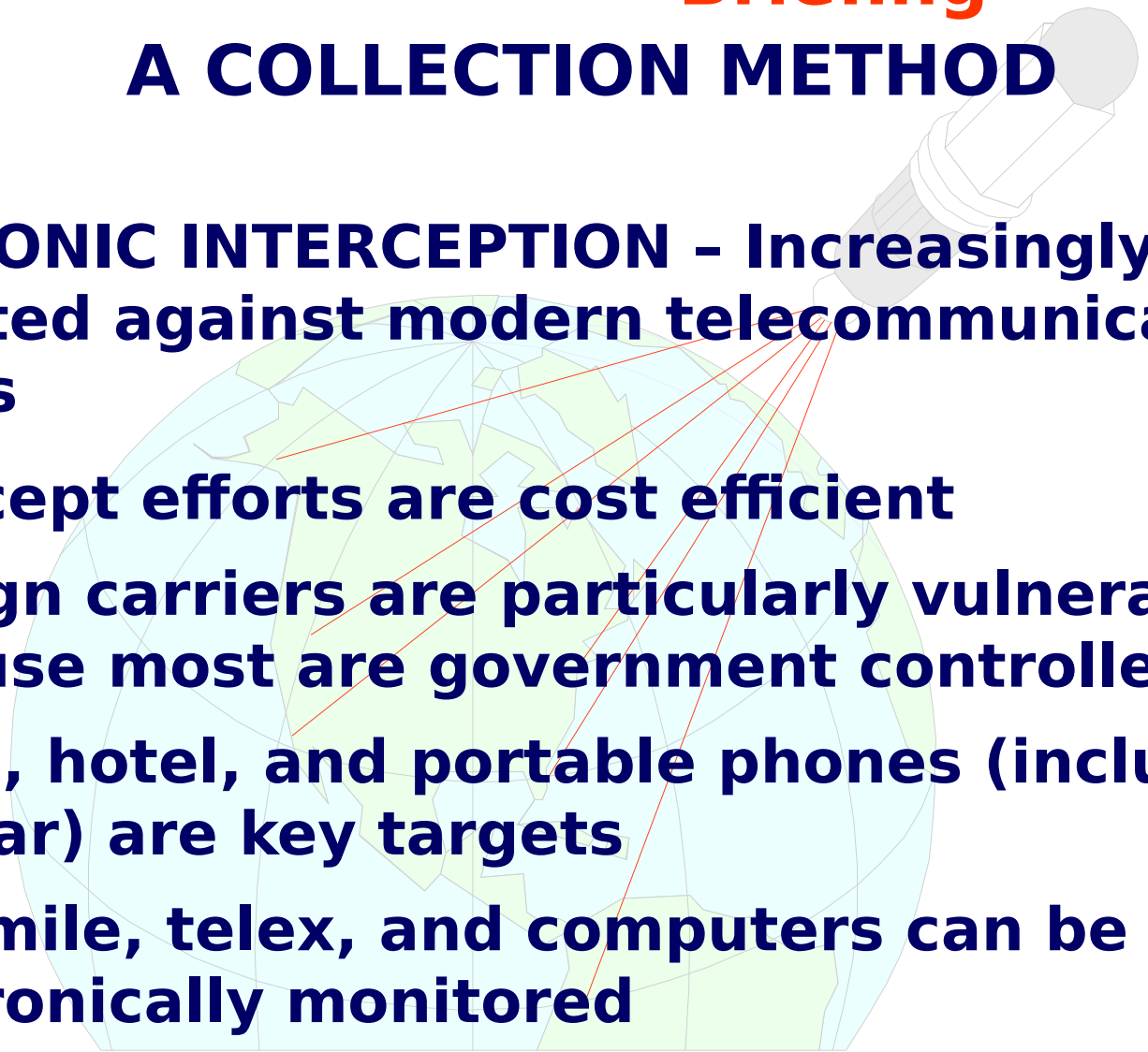

ELECTRONIC INTERCEPTION – Increasingly conducted against modern telecommunications systems

- **Intercept efforts are cost efficient**
- **Foreign carriers are particularly vulnerable because most are government controlled**
- **Office, hotel, and portable phones (including cellular) are key targets**
- **Facsimile, telex, and computers can be electronically monitored**

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SECURITY TIP

Common sense and basic defensive awareness can protect you against foreign intelligence service activities.

- **Do not leave sensitive documents or equipment unattended in hotel safes-such information should be stored in appropriate secure facilities**
- **Do not discuss sensitive matters outside US Offices-hotel rooms or other public venues are rarely suitable for sensitive discussions**
- **Do not use computer or facsimile equipment at foreign hotels or business centers for sensitive or classified matters**
- **Do not divulge information to anyone no authorized to hear it, including personal information about yourself or colleagues**

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SECURITY TIPS

- **Ignore or deflect inquiries or conversation**
  - **Ask some questions of your own**
  - **Provide non-discreet answers**
  - **Leave talk to someone else**
- **Keep unwanted material until it can be disposed of – burn or shred paper and cut floppy disk in pieces and discard**
- **Keep your personal computer as carry-on, never check it with your luggage and, if possible, remove or control storage**

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SECURITY TIPS

- Take time to use secure communications equipment at any appropriate U.S. Government Facility
- Report any counterintelligence incident to the relevant U.S. Government Agency
- When traveling overseas, suspect incidents should be reported to either the Regional Security Officer (RSO) or Post Security Officer (PSO) at the nearest U.S. Diplomatic Facility

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PROTECTING YOURSELF

- **Report any attempt by a foreign national or stranger to establish a continuing association, arrange future meetings, or correspondence**
- **Report any contact with anyone whom you suspect may be attempting to gather ‘sensitive’ information from you**
- **Maintain a high level of personal standards and conduct… Keep in mind that you are a foreign guest and a representative of the United States**

THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY’S NATIONAL SECURITY.

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PROTECTING YOURSELF

- Do not become involved in local political matters of any kind.
- Do not include military or other restricted areas in your visits or picture-taking tours.
- Avoid unknown candid or commercial photographers.
- Do not promise favors, such as mailing letters for strangers or hand-carrying letters or other items back to the United States for them.

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ONE LAST REQUIREMENT –

Now that you have finished your foreign travel briefing, send an E-Mail to your Security Branch

Include the following in your e-mail:

- **Your name**
- **Intended dates of travel**
- **Destination(s)**
- **Date of Foreign Travel Briefing**

Remember, you have an individual responsibility for safeguarding U.S. government classified or unclassified sensitive information.

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Don’t forget to:

- *Email Security Branch prior to departing*
  - Security Branch E-mail Hyperlink
- *Email the Security Branch upon return, specifically reporting any suspect activity*
  - **your Security contact is Mr. R.A. Hill**

Have a safe trip!